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MEMORANDUM TO: ICAPS

SUBJECT : Scientific Attaches

1. The comments below are made in review of proposed memorandum on the above subject.

a. The desirability of having scientific attaches abroad is unquestioned by CIG and IAB, from all indications.

b. The fact that personnel so qualified are not now assigned to greater degree is not contingent upon acceptance of the principle or policy.

c. Their assignment and functioning related to national security is fundamentally a responsibility of the ~~Department of National Defense~~ ^{Departmental} *Military Establishment* vested in Army, Navy, Air intelligence agencies.

d. The State Department has an interest in its particular field.

e. The Research and Development Board in the ~~Department of National Defense~~ *Military Establishment* and the Military Intelligence agencies are directly associated and can assist each other notwithstanding agreement between JRDB and CIG.

f. The War Department has actively considered a program in this connection as indicated by WD letter, subject: "Scientific and Technical Liaison Abroad" dated 25 February 1947. (See attached)

g. CIG operations in the collection field are concerned primarily with SO activities.

h. Scientific or technical personnel sent abroad from CIG for any reason should be cleared with appropriate IAB agency or agencies for proper affiliation and status in each case.

i. Funds for procurement and travel of personnel exist or can be made available within the IAB agencies concerned, by planning for the purpose.

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j. The procurement of qualified personnel, their status and effective utilization appear to be the principal factors involved.

2. Comments regarding the adequacy of scientific and technical intelligence collection by Army, Navy, Air, State were requested at the time of conference of Scientific-Technical Intelligence representatives of the IAB agencies on July 9th. Aside from a status report by G-2 as to the WD program mentioned, no pertinent recommendations were made. As reported also the subject has been discussed at IAB meetings on more than one occasion.

3. It is suggested that Army, Navy, Air, State be formally requested to submit operational plans or recommendations in the foregoing connection. After digest of concrete considerations of the problem by the responsible agencies involved further appropriate action by CIG can be taken by coordination, or by direction through the National Security Council.

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